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Science Week Exposes Secret Life of Dinosaurs

By Melissa G. Rice

It's like solving a mystery. Fossils are all that are left of animals that died out 65 million years ago. So how, exactly, do scientists figure out what they were like and how they lived?

In the first of UNO's Science Week lectures Monday, an audience of 25 heard contemporary theories about "The Secret Life of Dinosaurs."

Professor George Englemann of UNO's geography/geology department discussed the history of dinosaur finds and how theories about the animals have changed.

Since no one has ever seen a living dinosaur, scientists formulate hypotheses and then attempt to back them up or to disprove them. "It's remarkable that we know anything at all," Englemann said. "Thanks to a lot of hard work and ingenuity, there's quite a lot that you can say about dinosaurs and about how they lived."

From the first finds in the early 1800s, scientists have attempted to speculate how the animals looked. Scientists more or less know the shape of the animal from its bones, Englemann said. Examinations of teeth allow scientists to make distinctions between carnivorous or herbivorous dinosaurs.

Many early speculations about the animals have been discarded. Englemann said that when scientists first found a fossil of an Iguanodon, they found an odd spike-shaped bone and assumed it was a horn from its nose, like some modern iguanas. A more complete skeleton, found later, proved the appendages were the animal's thumbs. "You can't win 'em all," he said.

The animal popularly known as the Brontosaurus was exhibited for years with the wrong head attached. In another example, Englemann said a small dinosaur found with

a nest of dinosaur eggs was assumed to be an "egg-thief." Scientists now know the animal, not as the thief, but as the parent brooding the nest.

Finding more complete fossils, along with finding greater quantities and new investigative techniques, has led researchers to theorize that dinosaurs were not slow, sluggish, lizard-like creatures, but quick and active.

Dinosaurs left behind their fossilized bones, eggs and tracks. Englemann said the tracks are good because they not only show the dinosaurs were there, but the tracks also give an idea of how dinosaurs lived, "where they were walking and how fast."

"If you know the height of the limb and the length of the track," Englemann said, "then you can estimate the speed they were moving." For example, small, meat-eating dinosaurs, moved at speeds estimated between 5 and 8 mph, faster than a human can walk.

Bone cross sections allow scientists to make assumptions about how fast the animals moved. Mechanically, Englemann said, sections of dinosaur bones are "the same stuff" as those of modern animals. Simply, the faster an animal walks, the more stress the bone endures, requiring thicker walls. Dinosaurs may have been traveling at speeds comparable to modern animals of the same mass.

Large sauropods, plant-eating dinosaurs, may have moved at the speed of an elephant. Ceratopsians, like Triceratops, "could probably run pretty fast," Englemann said, as could the ostrich-like dinosaurs.

Early scientists thought dinosaurs were cold-blooded, mostly inactive lumbering creatures. That notion, Englemann said, "persisted for years." In the 1960s, scientists

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Students Encouraged to Take Advantage of Free HIV Testing

By Gayle Wagner

You've passed your midterms, tuned-up your car, had your flu shot, researched your papers and winterized your house, but have you had the HIV test?

Thursday, people had the opportunity to take the test when UNO Health Services offered free, anonymous HIV testing. Ruth J. Hanon, supervisor of Health Services, said that UNO makes this testing available to the community a couple of times a semester, and it will be offered again in January or February.

About 10 to 12 people take advantage of the opportunity and convenience of on-campus testing each time it is offered. Each session takes about a half-hour, which includes counseling.

The actual testing is conducted by the Douglas County Health Department. In addition, they offer counseling before the testing and after the results are back. UNO is considered a mobile testing site, and the labs used to conduct the tests are the same labs used by all of the HIV testing sites in Omaha.

The fact that it is a state lab does not affect the anonymity of the testing in any way, Hanon said.

"When someone comes in to take the test we don't check ID's," Hanon said. "All a person has to give is a first name — any

name. The results will not be seen by anyone other than the person taking the test and will not be recorded on any medical records."

After testing, it will take two weeks for the results. Results must be obtained in person and will not be given over the phone, which is standard at all testing locations. This is done to protect the individual's right to privacy, and to allow for immediate counseling and referral in the event the results are positive. If someone tests positive he or she is connected with a caseworker who can answer any questions and concerns.

The caseworker will encourage everyone to tell their partner(s), if not, the caseworker will contact the partner(s). This is because of the "Partner Notification Law," which came into effect within the last year, Hanon said.

"This is one of the many reasons health-care workers suggest that couples just deciding to become sexually active 'clear the air,' discuss the issue, and have testing done before engaging in any sexual activity that could put them at risk. This is being done more often now," Hanon said. "It is one way to greatly reduce the risk involved in sexual relationships, unfortunately it is not yet the norm on college campuses."

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Oh, This is Fun!



—SR Kanter

UNO junior Stefanie Van Tieghen scrapes her car's windows after the dusting of snow that fell on Omaha Monday afternoon.

Vice Chancellor Finalist Beeler Familiar With Commuter Campuses

By Cami Stenglein-Reardon

Not too long ago, the University of Missouri at St. Louis was in the same position as UNO about residence halls, said Karl Beeler, the first candidate for the position of Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Enrollment Management at UNO.

A student forum held Wednesday in the Student Center gave students the opportunity to talk with Beeler, who is the associate vice chancellor for student affairs at UMSL.

Beeler's goal is to be open and available to students if chosen to fill the position.

"Every campus is different. At UMSL, which is predominately a commuter campus like UNO, we did get dorms. We try to understand the student body and through strategic plans, try to implement programs that will improve the academic experience," he said. "In any student-affairs position the staff must understand that they should ask themselves about everything, how will this affect the student experience here on campus?"

"By helping eliminate some of the red tape, we can free up our staff and the advisers to allow more time to work directly with the students either in financial aid, advising or any number of other services. I want to move toward a warm, friendly experience, which the average student can experience ... one must value the ideas that they have and press

for some of them, even the students. On campus we hope to create some things that a student will always remember," Beeler said.

Beeler said 80 percent of all college students commute to campus, and it is a myth that a student who does not reside on campus is a non-traditional student. "You are the new tradition," he said.

Beeler also said that becoming involved in student activities is very important to the entire academic experience, and the greek system is also an important part of the university community to him.

"There are moments when students are on campus that are not utilized and we need to put resources out there. You need to support that," he said.

At UMSL, Beeler is in charge of a staff

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OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND LETTERS

TV Talk Shows Have Crossed Trashy Line

Being the underprivileged child I was, I grew up on the four major networks and public television. My mother did not believe her children needed cable.

I watched "Sesame Street," "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" and "3-2-1 Contact" until I was about 10. As I matured and stopped playing with Barbie dolls, I left my homework until Oprah was over. A latchkey child, I was home alone after school with younger brother, Chris, for about three hours. While he played with his "Star Wars" action figures, I enjoyed an hour of talk shows. Maybe if I was energetic enough I would watch "Donahue" or "Sally Jesse," if the topics dealt with something I was curious about such as sex, drugs or teen-age pregnancy.

Remember, I was in junior high and wanted to know as much as I could without asking my parents.

Over the past few years I began to notice talk shows were a dime a dozen. I did not start to notice how many there were until my freshman year in college, when I had too much time to deal with. The afternoon person I was at the time had all morning free to watch "Jenny Jones," "Montel Williams" and "Rolanda." After classes were over, "Ricki Lake" and "Oprah" were back-to-back. I became a talk-show junkie.

I did not realize how bad my problem was until this summer. Instead of sleeping in, I got up early to watch Regis and Kathy Lee, then Montel followed by Rolanda. I could have done something productive such as jogging a mile or taking an aerobics class.

What really got me thinking was how immoral and ridiculous some of the topics were: I slept with my boyfriend's dad, I'm 12 and I want to have a baby (a common Ricki Lake topic) or I smoke pot and I'm proud of it.

It seems as if anyone can have a talk show, including stars from yesterday — Tempest and Gabrielle. Their topics for shows sometimes involve trashy topics. Ricki Lake was the "fat girl" in the television series "China Beach" and the star of the cult film "Hairspray." After shedding a few pounds, she's trying to walk in Oprah's shoes as the

once overweight talk-show host.

Now, with the government trying to get some type of regulation on talk shows, some people are trying to bungle soap operas into the kettle along with talk shows. Soap operas have been around for more than 20 years. Sure, everybody sleeps with everybody, people die and come back to life three or four times, but why should they start now after it's been such a tradition?

Talk shows exploit those who want to be exploited. The former producer for a talk show was on CNN Monday, during a discussion about talk-show regulation.

He said most people who are on the show write or call, wanting the nation to hear their story. Talk-show producers blame it on the society of America. Sometimes when I watch a talk show, the people never listen to the advice any of the hosts or audience give them. Most of the people swear, fight with the audience or get an attitude regarding why they're on the show in the first place.

I often wonder if the people make up their situations just to get attention. Some talk shows pay their guests. Maybe the guests are out for the money. I just shake my head and wonder why these people could go as far as to appear on national television to tell the world that they are the worst boyfriend in the world? I consider it embarrassing.

Thank heavens some talk show hosts stay away from the typical trashy talk-show topics. Oprah has stood out from the rest of her wannabe's and brought avid talk show watchers topics such as beauty makeovers, how to spend and save money, women of domestic violence, childproofing your house and even celebrity interviews.

Bringing real-life issues and not scraping the barrel or reaching out to her guests to bring elaborate topics to life, she is becoming one of the richest women in the U.S. I can't forget those hosts who offer help to their guest, either. They see the problem and try to solve it.

I must admit, I once desired to be a talk-show guest. But nowadays — with how trashy they're getting — I have other desires to pursue.

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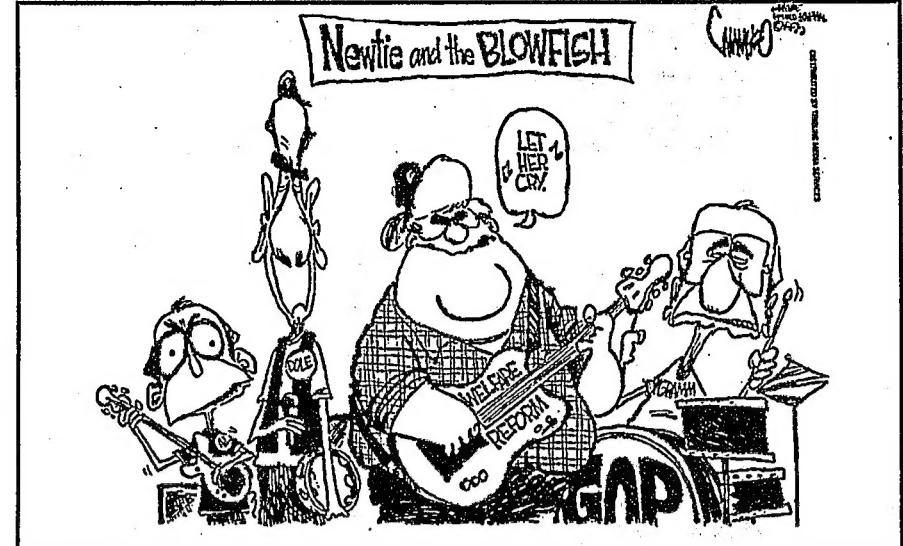
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Death Row Should Be No Place to Live It Up

Roger Bjorkland: convicted of the rape and murder of Candace Harms. John Joubert: convicted of the murders of two teen-age boys.

Two evil men who committed heinous crimes against society. Two men still living in their respective jail cells. One question: Why are they still alive?

What good are they to humankind? What have they done to earn the right to eat three meals a day and to breathe the air they so viciously denied their victims? The correct answer is nothing. They are the scum of society. The element that we all fear and yet seem to do nothing about. But there they are, still making the front-page news while their victims push up daisies.

I can think of at least three reasons why they, along with all the other killers waiting on death row or sitting in front of a parole board, should be dead. In the case of Bjorkland, who with a friend first raped Ms. Harms, then took her to the place where she would be shot and killed, the fact that he is wasting a court's time with appeals comes to mind. Let's face the facts here. The man is guilty of the crimes he was convicted of. No one denies that. So why are he and his attorneys forever being allowed to file petitions, asking that the court of appeals takes another look at his case? The case has already been looked at, and Bjorkland was found to be the perpetrator of the crimes.

I realize that he has the right to do this. There is always the chance that, for example, some cop didn't read him his rights, or that evidence entered into court was illegally obtained. And yes, these are things that should be looked into. But not while he is still alive. He's not needed to correct these wrongs. After all, he's still a murderer, right?

The death penalty was designed for these guys. It's supposed to be a deterrent to murder. If we execute these people quickly, it is thought, then some future murders may never occur. And whatever your particular

stance on capital punishment is, this is why the death penalty exists.

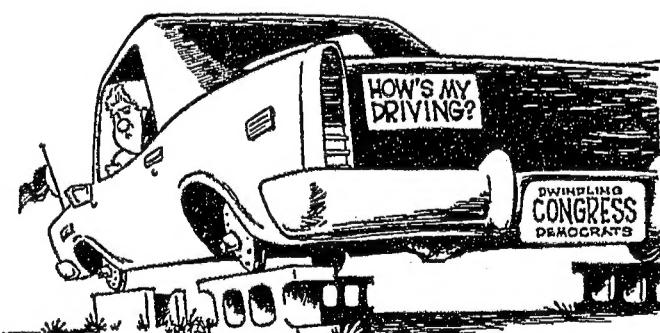
Of course, even if you are sentenced to die, you're pretty much assured of living another 10 to 20 years — wasting the taxpayers money — which is the second reason why these men should be dead. It costs the state more money in the attempt to execute them than it does to simply lock them up for life. I find myself asking why this is. And the only reason I can come up with is because of the appeals process. Willie Otey lived about 15 years after he was sentenced to die, and some figures show that it cost more than a million dollars to get the job done.

I'm pretty sure that million dollars could have been used more wisely. Let's all remember, even after Otey's attorneys proved that there was prejudice on the appeals board, he was still the same guy who walked into a strange woman's house, raped her and then murdered her. That didn't change.

And the last reason why I think these guys should be made to face their maker is one that gives no real thought to judicial processes or the rights of murderers in general. It's purely a straight from the gut kind of thing.

Every time I hear their names mentioned on the news or read about them in the paper, I get an overwhelming feeling of hatred for them. No, they never did anything to me personally, but yet I get this feeling. Sometimes I'm thinking about the victims and the sheer horror of that short period of time they lived before these animals stole their breath away. But mostly, I think about my loved ones, and how I would feel if these killers had gotten hold of them.

Maybe that's why most families of murder victims wish for the death penalty when the sentence is given. I think they know, more than any one else, what the murderer deserves. And I'm pretty sure they don't want to wait around for 15 years to see that he gets what is coming to him.



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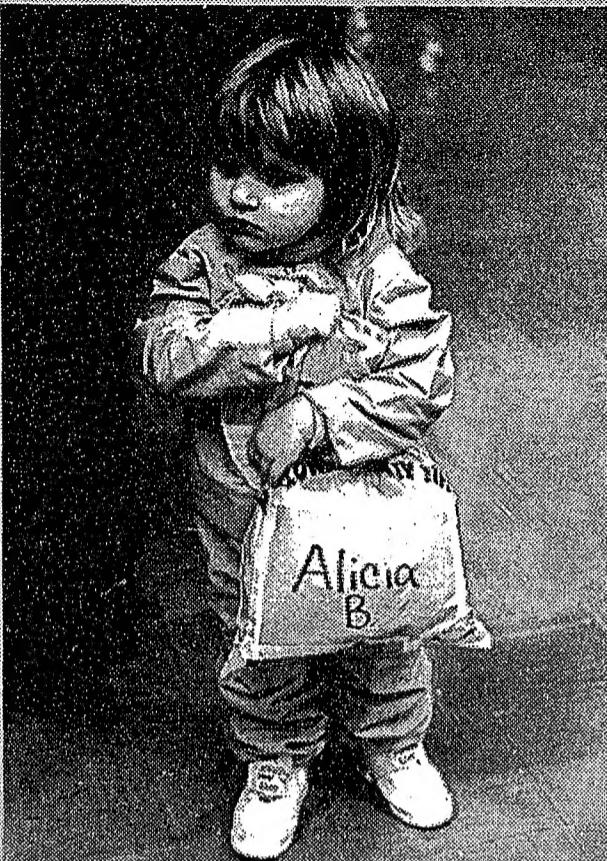
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It's My Candy



Alicia Bucci, daughter of UNO student Margaretann Hansen, clings to her bag of Halloween candy Tuesday during the Child Care Center trick-or-treat parade in the Student Center.

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On college campuses about 80 percent of students are sexually active with multiple partners, ranging from two to four a year. When this is multiplied by the number of partners each person has had, and so on, it means that the risks are greater than many might think. This is especially true when only 33 percent use condoms consistently and regularly, despite their widespread availability.

On most campuses, condoms are available only out of vending machines. This is not and will not be the case here, Hanon said. Students can purchase condoms for a quarter each at Health Services, third floor of the Student Center, and they are offered for free at the Women's Resource Center, HPER, Room 117. Both locations also offer information about HIV testing and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Anyone at risk should be tested, Hanon said. This means anyone who has engaged in risky behavior in the past, for example, any unprotected sex, sex with multiple partners, drug use and sharing needles, and any type of activity involving the exchange of blood or other body fluids.

"If you have already been tested you need to be tested again if any new risks have been introduced since your last test."

Hanon suggested that the typical college population get tested every six months, this allows for accurate results with regard to the "window of opportunity."

This window of opportunity is the six-to 12-week time

period that it normally takes for a person's body to develop antibodies to the HIV virus. These antibodies are present in the blood of a person infected with HIV. If a test is positive, it means that your body produces these antibodies and that HIV has entered your blood. The tests used are more than 99 percent accurate.

A positive test result is checked and rechecked using the ELISA test twice, and then the Western Blot test. A negative result, however, might not be accurate if the test was taken during the "window of opportunity." This is precisely why someone who has engaged in any risky behavior within the last six months needs to be tested six months after the contact occurred to assure the accuracy of the test.

Hanon said the safest sexual relationships are long-term monogamous ones, one to two years or longer, where both partners trust each other and there is open communication.

The Red Cross said, "Recent medical research indicates that early treatment for people infected with HIV helps them to live longer and slows down the onset of symptoms and HIV related illnesses."

Testing is available anonymously and at no charge at the Nebraska AIDS Project, Douglas County Health Center and Charles Drew Health Center.

For more information contact UNO Health Services, 554-2374; Nebraska AIDS Project, 342-4233; or the National AIDS Hotline, 1-800-342-AIDS.

Computer Program Keeps Track of Transplant Patients

By Amanda Shaul

After an organ transplant, patients must undergo repetitive care and medication. Tracking these patients and keeping up to date with their records can be difficult for clinicians who work with numerous patients.

An Omaha computer corporation has developed a program to help liver transplant patients. Hickman-Kenyon Systems Inc. has developed a computer program called OTTR to help transplant programs track their patients.

"Patients that have undergone transplants must be managed carefully," said Hubert Hickman of Hickman-Kenyon Systems Inc. "We use the computer as a tool to help the clinician."

Hickman started to develop the program after he learned about the needs of tracking transplant patients. After a two-year developing cycle, the program was turned on last December.

"We use computer software that is at the leading edge of what is available today," Hickman said.

The home site of the system is at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. They have 700 to 800 active patients tracked at this time. Until recently, the system has been dealing only with liver transplant patients.

"Dealing with the transplant arena has been very successful," Hickman said. They have not stopped with transplant patients, though. Recently Hickman-Kenyon Systems has branched out to work with the HIV clinic in Omaha.

"The end result of everything we do is to help patients in all the areas that we work to get the care that they need," Hickman said.

In order to help patients get that care, they have branched out to start sites in Seattle and Canada. Future plans include developing in

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responsible for eight departments and major programs. He said he played a key role in securing a \$1.4 million federal grant "to improve academic and student service programs through the advancement of enrollment management strategies, development of human resources and implementation of technological solutions," he said. The purpose is to decrease the time for students to attain a degree by allowing easy access to their past files and more time for advisers to aid the students in making choices.

The department aims to improve the student experience as the basis for enhanced productivity by developing integrated computer assisted-enrollment, advising and retention systems. Beeler has supervised the transition from a traditional registration and advising system to one that is more student friendly.

By eliminating red tape and paperwork deemed, "repetitive and hard to follow," Beeler said he has helped to develop a system that allows students and advisers to look up on a computer their academic progress and the direction they need to go in order to attain their goals in an appropriate amount of time.

Beeler helps to resolve student judicial matters and to document cases of alleged discrimination as well.

In the past five years, Beeler has also aided in revamping UMSL's health services department by adding more health services to aid students while utilizing on-campus staff and students.

The first task he said he was responsible for was the housing department. He said it has grown from 17 original participants to 620 resident students living in the residence hall and in privatized on-campus apartments.

Beeler is a graduate of the University of Connecticut, University of Arizona and Regis College. He holds a doctorate of philosophy in higher education administration, a master's of education in counseling and guidance, and a bachelor's of arts in philosophy for which he graduated cum laude.

He is a member of the American College Health Association, the American College Personnel Association, the Association of College and University Housing Officers, the Association for the Study of Higher Education, the National Academic Advising Association, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Beeler has taught at the University of Connecticut and was the visiting assistant professor of higher education and an adjunct lecturer. He also served as assistant to the dean of students at the University of Connecticut.

An open-door policy is one of Beeler's main goals. He said it's an open chance to give advice and aid to students.

"It's fun. That's what we're here for. I can't be a vice chancellor and not have an open-door policy. Working with students is this department's reason to be. It's very exciting ... most of us chose this profession because we love it."

The two other candidates for the position are Mary Mudd, interim vice chancellor for student services and enrollment management at UNO, and Randy Hyman, associate vice president for student affairs at Ball State University. The next student forum will be for Hyman Nov. 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the State Room of the Student Center.

The date of the student forum for Mudd will be announced later.

Lunchtime Tunes



Musicians Jane Davies, left, and Rick Sytek recently entertained audiences at UNO. Their performance was sponsored by the Student Programming Organization.

Before it I had never really worked with the computer. While other people had their hands on the computer, I had mine on a basketball. This internship has given me a lot of hands-on experience," Burrell said.

In addition to working with the OTTR program, Burrell has had the opportunity to work with the Next Step operating system, Unix and to create pages on the World Wide Web.

"I have been working on my own program. It involves writing letters to patients and the referring physician," Burrell said. His endeavor is currently being tested at the Med Center.

Not only has Hickman-Kenyon Systems helped transplant patients and clinicians and added to the learning experience and advancements of UNO students, but it has also been beneficial to the city of Omaha.

"We are a small cog in the wheel, but I think that we have helped to increase the efficiency of the transplant arena in Omaha," Hickman said.

John Travolta Scores Again in Hollywood Spoof 'Get Shorty'

Review By Joel D. Stevens

"Get Shorty" is a story about Hollywood criminals — some carry guns, others carry scripts.

This sparkling adaptation of Elmore Leonard's witty 1990 crime novel stars John Travolta as Chili Palmer, a loan shark leg-breaker turned would-be Hollywood player. A milieu of Hollywood and criminals is established.

Chili is a nice enough thug, a loan shark in the Miami-family sense who longs for his first love — the movies. Persuaded by his new boss, Chili pursues a debtor to Las Vegas after learning that the "loser," an unpaid debtor, faked his own death in a plane crash. After arriving in Vegas, Chili learns that the loser is already gone, so the local proprietor of a casino enlists Chili to pursue another debt for him in Los Angeles. And that's where Chili's adventure in Hollywood begins.

In L.A., Chili finds his loser is a sleazy, grade-Z movie producer named Harry Zimm, played by Gene Hackman. When Chili meets Zimm, in a scene to rival any movie pitch ever filmed, he drops his pitch for a routine story of a loser who fakes his own death in a plane crash, collects the insurance money from his wife and skips town on his debts. All this instead of the simple routine threat of pay off else. Zimm and Chili strike a deal and end up going into business together.

Zimm wants his investors, a drug-dealing loan shark in his own right, named Bo Catlin (Delroy Lindo), off his back so that he can purchase and begin production on his dream film, a screenplay called "Mr. Lovejoy."

Zimm holds onto the idea of producing the movie as his finest work because it's rumored that Martin Weir (Danny DeVito)

is interested in the lead. Weir is a pretentious superstar, currently No. 1 at the box office in "Napoleon."

Chili knows that if his story is going to be made, Weir is the man for the part. So Chili enlists the help of Weir's ex-wife and a B-movie actress, Karen Flores (Rene Russo).

Toss in an LAX airport terminal locker full of cash under surveillance by the DEA and a vengeful Miami boss with a grudge against Chili, and you have enough plot for two movies.

Chili is ultimately a put-on artist in "Get Shorty," a hood with immense confidence and self-selling ability. It's easy to believe he could make it in Hollywood. The film version borrows more than a little from Travolta's resurrection film, "Pulp Fiction," which only reinforces the fact that Travolta really can act.

The story seems ripped from the pages of a Chandler or Jim Thompson pulp novel with a comic, satirical edge. Leonard's story seems to remain intact. There is that contempt for Hollywood and its star system, but the film version seems to hold less of the hard edge opinion of Hollywood's corruption, and the characters don't seem as gritty and are played with more comedy.

The performances in "Get Shorty" are, as anticipated, top-notch. Travolta as the enigmatic Chili is the finest performance in the film. The other characters seem one dimensional and false with great actors playing underdeveloped parts.

When watching "Get Shorty," you can't help but get the feeling that it's all a joke. Like Leonard, Travolta and director Barry Sonnenfeld are playing the greatest con of all: a simple anti-Hollywood story in a most Hollywood way.

Classic Westerns Remain Cream of Video Store Crop

Video Reviews By Mait Graeve

Put on your chaps and saddle up your best filly (that would be a horse). It's time to take a trip into the past.

Let's go back to the time in American history when men were men, and in the politically correct 1990s — so were women.

These are some classic westerns — new and old, along with some other not-so-classic movies where most of the people live.

To be a hero in a western, it's imperative that you are a legend in your own time. One of those men was Wyatt Earp.

There are several movies that tell his tale, but none is better than "Tombstone."

Kurt Russel plays the best Wyatt Earp to date. But Val Kilmer steals the show as Doc Holiday. Wyatt is a retired lawman who comes to the town of Tombstone to settle down and make some money. He kicks out the crooked card dealer in town and sets himself up in the bar to make a little money.

Things are going fine until he runs into the real criminals of the town.

When they take things too far, Wyatt's forced to put an end to their operation along with the help of his brothers and Doc.

Saying Val Kilmer is cool in this movie is like saying the Cornhuskers are good. It's grossly understated.

"Tombstone" tells an abridged version of Kevin Costner's "Wyatt Earp." If you have a choice between the two, and you do, do yourself a favor and check out "Tombstone."

"Wyatt Earp" takes twice as long to tell the same story, and it does so in the most slow and uninteresting way.

A much better Kevin Costner western is "Dances With Wolves." But everybody who's going to see that has, so I recommend you rent "Jeremiah Johnson."

Robert Redford plays a guy who's fed

up with his life, so he heads to the mountains to find a more peaceful existence.

In his first year there he faces everything from vagrants to grizzlies. I'll tell you now that he triumphs over many things, but you'll have to see the movie to see if he made the right choice for himself.

What's a western without a scruffy-faced guy walking around with a cigar in his mouth or a fat wad of tobacco? Well, a movie without these things would be called "Bad Girls."

"Bad Girls" is a western for women. The concept sounds as ideal as a romance for men. The audience just isn't there.

The producers of this movie must have been psychic to put *bad* in the title. For anybody that rents a western hoping to see some decent people put in a pine box, stay away from "Bad Girls." It probably looked good on paper (i.e. put Drew Barrymore and Madeline Stowe in cowboy hats and give them guns), but it fails as a film.

If you are in the mood for the dirty guy in the poncho, "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" is one of the best films of all time. That includes any genre, not just westerns. This is one of Eastwood's spaghetti westerns. They're called this because they were shot in Italy. Just a little useless knowledge to help you in Trivial Pursuit. It's the story of three outlaws who are all after thousands of dollars, which is buried in a grave. They all have a little information but not enough to find the grave. So they all need one another until the end of the movie. This leads to a final scene that rivals the end of "True Romance."

A few other Eastwood movies are "A Fistful of Dollars," "A Few Dollars More" and "Two Mules for Sister Sarah."

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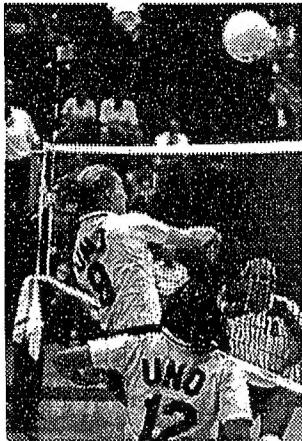


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Sports

Lady Mavs Volleyball



Lady Mavs Kim Gerdes, No. 9, and Amy Steffel, No. 12.

Division II Volleyball			
Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Pts	Record
1	Barry (23)	599	26-2
2	Northern Michigan (1)	575	27-2
3	Northern Colorado	548	26-2
4	Cal State Bakersfield	533	24-5
5	Hawaii-Hilo	495	19-4
6	Nebraska-Kearney	468	30-4
7	St. Cloud State	433	22-4
8	Cal State Los Angeles	415	17-5
9	Central Missouri State	409	30-6
10	Regis	376	15-4
11	Morningside	353	23-7
12	North Dakota State	327	20-8
13	Nebraska-Omaha	286	17-8

Division-II Hitting Pct. (Min. .350/3 att. per game)

	CL	Gms	Kills	Err	Att	Pct.
1 Mickisha Hurley, Barry	SR	62	221	28	431	.448
2 Pavla Melicharova, Northwood	JR	74	438	90	778	.447
3 Angie Wintz, Southern Colo.	SO	68	137	27	253	.435
4 Chris Pittman, Mississippi Col.	SO	80	245	56	450	.420
5 Stephanie Gockley, Mo. Southern St.	SO	70	325	60	640	.414
6 Denise Otten, Nebraska-Omaha	SR	80	285	48	575	.412

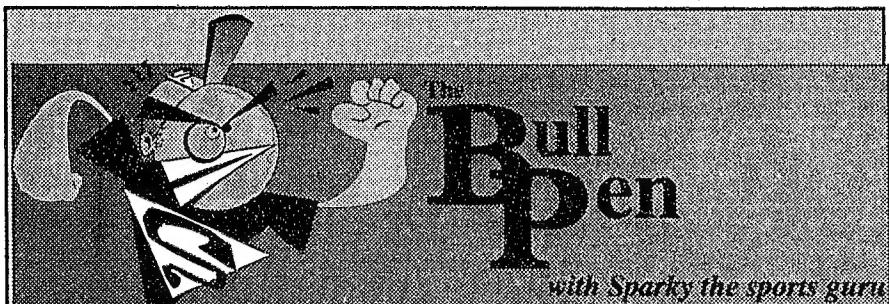
Lady Mavs Volleyball Notes

• Among the five North Central teams in the nation sit the UNO Lady Mavs. They rank No. 13 in Division II volleyball. Northern Colorado (26-2) ranks No. 3, St. Cloud State (22-4) occupies the No. 7 spot and Morningside (23-7) is No. 11.

• Senior Denise Otten is No. 6 in the nation according to *USA Today*. The middle blocker from Norfolk, Neb., has posed a .412 hitting percentage in the

first 80 games for the Lady Mavs. Mickisha Hurley leads the Division II in the category. Her .448 mark has led Barry to a 26-2 record and a No. 1 overall ranking.

• The Lady Mavs will face Augustana and South Dakota State this weekend. The Lady Mavs will host Northern Colorado later next week. Northern Colorado is 26-2 on the year and ranks No. 3 in the country.



Hey Sparky,

I have the single-television syndrome at my apartment, but my girlfriend has no sympathy for my football jones. This Christmas may finally be the one where I bust the \$10 mark on her present.

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Ricky Huel

UNO senior

* Sparky's Note: Hey Ricky, be sure that baby has surround-sound capability to drown out any of that crappy background music from the figure skating your girlfriend will be watching in the other room. Also, get a universal remote so you can turn her TV down or to the Chargers-Bronco's game.

Hey Sparky:

I can't believe my eyes. After 20 years of having to put up with my husband's (and now my son's, too) football fanaticism, you hit the nail on the head about TV football on Sundays. After years of creative plotting, pleading and "accidentally" unplugging the set, I had given up hope. But, revenge is sweet. Gymnastics and ice skating are "my sports" and he

knows better than to try and turn the channel when I'm watching. But more or less, I have just gotten used to it and have learned how to cope. Football stinks!

Susan Bradford
UNO Parent

Hey Sparky,

This is just a quick question for your sports-crazed readers. Have any of you taken a trip through jungle with Jim Rome?

Ricky Huel
UNO senior

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Neil Uenbob
UNO junior

* Yo, Neil, Sparky here bro! I'm a huge fan of the jungle and Romey. You nailed it on the head man, there's too many bone cutters on the Bugoma University campus who don't have the stones to write smack here in the "Bullpen." If you've got an opinion to share with your fellow sports bro's, don't leave it on some worthless barstool — let's hear it. Thanks for writing Neil. Out!

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Stat Box

Football

Team	Conf.	Over.
1. N. Dakota St	6-1-0	8-1-0
2. North Dakota	6-1-0	7-1-0
3. N. Colorado	5-2-0	7-2-0
4. St. Cloud St.	5-2-0	6-2-0
5. South Dakota	4-3-0	6-3-0
6. S. Dakota St.	3-4-0	5-4-0
7. Mankato St.	3-4-0	4-5-0
8. Augustana	0-5-1	2-5-1
9. UN Omaha	1-6-0	2-7-0
10. Morn gside	0-6-1	0-7-2

Volleyball

Team	NCC	Over.
1. N. Colorado	14-1	25-2
2. St. Cloud St.	11-3	22-4
3. UNO	10-5	17-8
4. Morningside	10-5	23-7
5. N. Dakota St.	8-5	20-8
6. Augustana	5-8	18-10
7. S. Dakota St.	5-8	16-11
8. N. Dakota	3-10	13-15
9. Mankato St.	3-11	12-16
10. S. Dakota	1-14	1-23

Outside hitter Tanya Cate was named co-NCC Player of the Week with St. Cloud State middle hitter Swen Minnema. Cate hit .359 and averaged 4.75 kills and 5.75 digs per game last week. She recorded a NCC season-high 32 dig saves against Minnema and St. Cloud State. Cate is the third UNO player to win the award. Senior Denise Otten won the award on Sept. 6 and Junior Amy Steffel on Oct. 16.

UNO overall stats

Name	K	A	SA	DG	B
Cate	2.75	0.40	0.31	3.13	0.68
Malone	1.34	0.42	0.33	1.59	0.46
Fossum	1.09	0.12	0.07	1.47	0.19
Maxwel	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.20	0.00
EShafer	2.75	0.38	0.35	3.62	0.47
Gerdes	1.66	0.08	0.05	0.52	1.10
JShaffer	0.00	0.13	0.36	1.80	0.01
Otten	3.50	0.15	0.24	2.27	1.22
Steffel	1.54	10.53	.48	2.83	0.44
Pribyl	0.04	0.08	0.19	1.00	0.00
team	13.82	12.10	2.22	16.50	2.58

K=kills A-assists SA-service aces DG-digs B-blocks

NCC stats (as of 10/30/95)

Name	G	P	K-E-Att	Pct.
1. Otten UNO	58		192-40-418	.364
2. Minnema SCS	53		184-40-409	.352
3. Powers SCS	51		134-34-288	.347
4. Jost NDS	47		165-40-387	.323
5. Ponis UNC	50		279-81-655	.302

Service Aces per games

Name	GP	Kills	KPG
1. Steffel UNO	58	34	0.59
2. Hartung SCS	53	31	0.58
3. Dold SDS	48	25	0.52
4. Ferrie MS	27	13	0.48
5. Unger UND	51	23	0.45
10. Cate UNO	58	23	0.40

Digs per game

Name	GP	Digs	DPG
1. Shafer UNO	58	239	4.12
2. Ponis UNC	50	200	4.00
3. Kathman MSI	56	223	3.98
4. McNair UNC	50	192	3.84
5. Hartung SCS	53	197	3.72
8. Cate UNO	58	190	3.28

Blocks per game

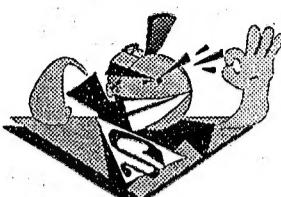
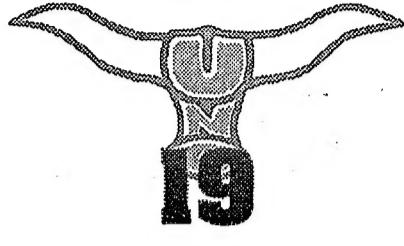
Name	G	P	HS-BA-TB	Pct.
1. Minnema SCS	53		12-66-78	1.47
2. Norris UNC	50		14-46-60	1.20
3. Gerdes UNO	55		13-53-66	1.20
4. Otten UNO	58		13-56-69	1.19
5. Feldman MSI	57		7-56-63	1.11

Other Mav's in the stats...

*Junior setter Amy Steffel is No. 6 in the NCC with an average of 10.45 set assists per game. She had a NCC season-high of 81 last Sat. *Tanya Cate also broke a record last Sat. night against St. Cloud State. She holds the season record for digs with 32.

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Community Group Strives for Unity Working Against Omaha's Problems

By Beth Warner

Making Omaha a better city for everyone is the goal of Omaha Together One Community.

Sunday at the Civic Auditorium, along with about 2,000 people, OTOC's theme was, "Healthy families build a strong community; a strong community fosters healthy families."

Susan Kuhlmann, OTOC media contact, said in a Friday morning interview that OTOC is composed of mostly churches and also a few neighborhood organizations, which have come together to try to tackle some of the concerns its members have about Omaha.

Churches involved include Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Unitarian and Jewish synagogues. Kuhlmann said the churches are organized into four clusters by area in Omaha: north, south, central and west. The group continues to recruit new congregations and new members.

OTOC was founded in part as a vehicle for people and congregations to play an active role in the community, Kuhlmann said. Its members hold thousands of house meetings across the city.

In the house meetings the host invites 10 or 12 people they would like to see involved in OTOC. People attending don't have to be from the host's congregation. The meetings give each person a chance to say what's on their mind and to tell what issues most concern them. A facilitator is also present.

A variety of concerns have come out of the house meetings, she said. In order to tackle these, members have formed separate committees to study and propose solutions to various issues.

The committees are: youth strategy, library, living wage, gambling, health care and capital improvements/rental property.

Kuhlmann said that the youth strategy committee has been the most visible. She said that concern about youth, especially youth crime and violence, is a high priority among many of their members.

The youth strategy committee has come up with a proposal to intervene early after a youth has committed a minor offense such as truancy or painting graffiti, Kuhlmann said. There is a general feeling that minor offenses will lead to more serious crimes, she said.

The strategy of the committee, Kuhlmann said, is to have police take the juvenile to a Youth Service Center, which would be staffed. Once there, the parents, the child and probably a social worker would come up with some type of appropriate punishment — most likely community service work.

Pat Caffrey, contact person for the Youth Strategy Re-

search Committee, said in a Wednesday morning interview at the center that the youth would sit down with parents and go through a 45-minute assessment. She said the purpose of the assessment is to find any additional problems the youth is having, such as family problems.

Caffrey said the strategy was modeled after a program in Norwalk, Calif. Norwalk is a city of 100,000 people located in eastern Los Angeles. The city is largely lower-income, Caffrey said.

After the program was in place the city had a 70 percent reduction in gang-related drive-by shootings and homicides, she said. There was also a 35 percent reduction in gang-related violence.

There is often an "inordinate time" between a juvenile committing a minor offense and punishment, Caffrey said.

A September 1995 OTOC fact sheet said that there are "time lapses between incident and consequences of weeks, usually months."

Caffrey said police are often overburdened by serious crime such as shootings so that minor offenses are not a priority. She said that by making the consequences of a crime more immediate, it would help the youth to connect actions with consequences.

Sometimes after a youth offender is picked up, Caffrey said, it can take hours to find the parents. The Youth Service Centers allow police to get back on patrol more quickly because it gives police a place to take youth, she said.

Bernard Kolasa, a political science professor at UNO, said he is not a formal member of OTOC, but he has worked with the group as a member of the Omaha Public Schools school board.

Kolasa said he and the board worked with OTOC on a project called Project Ishmael. The purpose of the project was to complement and supplement other summer programs in order to provide supervised activities during the day for teenagers.

The goal of the project was to keep youths off the street.

"The idea was to involve all levels of youth — up to age 18," Kolasa said. Kolasa said that the project didn't get the extent of funding the group had hoped for, but that they did have a program at Omaha South High School that involved about 80 youths. Kolasa said that the final outcome of the project was, "far below what they had envisioned, but there was not a lot of funding."

Kolasa said he was more than comfortable working with OTOC, and that he liked it because the group had a grass-roots approach.



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•From Dinosaurs, page 1•

began to think the animals moved about like birds or mammals, rather than like crocodiles or lizards. This led to a concept of active, agile animals, or "rompin', stompin' dinosaurs."

Even more startling is the thought that the dowdy little sparrow at your bird feeder had ancestors that would have eaten you for breakfast. In essence, birds are dinosaurs, Englemann said. Not only do they seem to have evolved from the dinosaur line but from the group that included Velociraptors, which were the fast dinosaurs portrayed in the movie "Jurassic Park."

Englemann said there are still plenty of new dinosaurs to be discovered.

Englemann has uncovered a new, as yet unnamed, carnivorous dinosaur, similar to an Allosaurus. Other new finds include dinosaurs with tail clubs and a carnivorous horned dinosaur. Fossils are being discovered in China, South America, Africa, Australia and Alaska. Dinosaur eggs are found in North America and China, he said, and some have embryos, which will allow scientists to identify the animals.

Scientists will continue to wrestle with the problems of finding out what the animals were like, Englemann said, and techniques such as geochemical analyses of bone and examination of dinosaur DNA may provide answers.

"There's still plenty of rampant, unbridled speculation out there," Englemann said, "but clever hypotheses and hard work will keep it under control."

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•From Goo Goo, page 4•

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The Goo Goo Dolls will probably be riding the waves of success to new heights in the coming months.

•From Leppard, page 4•

"ria" didn't break any new ground and was lost among the better music out that year.

"Vault" shows how far the band has fallen.

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